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SUBJ: AIR VICE MARSHAL IN SAUDI ARABIA

REF: DACCA 1514

1. BANGLADESH AIR FORCE CHIEF AIR VICE MARSHAL TAWAB, WHO IS ALSO ONE OF THE THE THREE DEPUTY CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATORS, IS REPORTED BY THE DACCA PRESS APRIL 6 TO BE IN RIYADH. ACCORDING TO THE ACCOUNTS, TAWAB IS ON A GOODWILL VISIT AND CALLED ON KING KHALED ON APRIL 4.

2. THERE WAS NO RPT NO EARLIER INDICATION THAT THE

PERIPATETIC TAWAB, WHO CLOAKS HIS FOREIGN TRAVELS IN ELABRATE MYSTERY, WOULD VISIT SAUDI ARABIA ON THIS OCCASION. HOWEVER, EVEN THOUGH HIS LAST REPORTED DESTINATION WAS LONDON, HIS SURFACING IN RIYADH IS UNSURPRISING. TAWAB IS QUITE CLEARLY THE DCMLA WTB IS CHARGED WITH FINDING ARMS ANDPHE WHEREWITHAL LG BUY THEM, AND HAS BEEN ASSIDUOUS IN BOTH TASKS. THE EXTENT OF HIS SUCCESS IS UNCLEAR, BUT THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF LOOMING
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CHINESE AND PAKISTANI ARMS DELIVERIES AND THERE IS CON-

TINUING FAITH AMONG BANGLADESHIS THAT THE OIL-RICH APGL
HELP FOOT SOME OF THE BILLS FOR PURCHASES ELSEWHERE. THE
SAUDI ARABIANS ARE SEEN AS PARTICULARLY WELL-PLACED TO
PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, WHETHER FOR ARMS OF FOR MORE
GENERAL PURPOSES.
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